

REMINISCENCES OF THE OLD NAVY.

How Some Spurious Sacred Soil Got Yohn Yohnson of the Colorado into Trouble.

By W. W. STONE.

Mickey Hogan stood, scratching his head, on the porch of the Campo Santo, across the way from the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

He was apparently looking with an envious eye down upon Pisa's illustrious dead.

I am not sure but that Mickey would have been content to throw up the precarious ledge of his stony life if he could have secured a horizontal standing in the venerated soil before him. You will remember that the pious Pisans of the 13th century, wishing to attract to themselves all the sanctity to be derived from external, sent 50 gallons to Jerusalem and had them laden to the guards with Judah's sacred soil. This precious freight was carefully laid down in the Campo Santo for the more perfect repose of favorite sons.

Joe Purcell, a short, stocky-built, peckmarked son of Scotia, stood beside the meditative Irishman.

"Mickey," says Joe, laying the foundation for future devotions, "wouldn't it be to have a pot of this 'ere soil to take home? It would be a fine thing to have when the doctor turned your toes in the direction of the daisees."

"Och, go 'way, ye murtherin' blasphemer!" exclaimed Mickey devoutly; "it's disputation ye're talking 'bout. Sure, we'd take the bit of sile the Holy Mudder herself has blessed there Mickey crossed himself to mix with dirty clay as heretics?"

"Well, well," said Joe, "I'm expecting a volume of tobacco once upon the sacred soil, to the intense horror of Mickey Hogan. I did think that when we kicked the bucket and were planted, we'd be done with Commodore and Admirals and a-trees, generally; but here you knock my hopes into smithereens with your reserved seats in the galleries."

"Och, get out 'way, ye blatherin' lay-thee!" cried Mickey, "I'm knowing how otherwise to dodge this solar-plexus blow at his theology."

A gens d'armes came in at this moment and notified the Tower of Pisa that if they wanted to see the Tower of Pisa after lunch hour they must start at once, which they did. Joe's scheme was, however, incubating in his mind during the visit to the Tower, and the success of the trick on Mickey warmed the plan into life.

"Boys," said Joe to Mike and Bob that night, as they were on the train speeding toward Lehigh, "I have an idea."

"Is it good to ate?" asked Mike innocently.

"Nor 't drinkin', ye rascalsuous hay-thee," answered Joe, imitating Mickey Hogan.

"Come out with your idea," said the more practical Bob.

"What's the matter with having Mickey getting a bucketful of the dirt from Campo Santo?"

"Oh, after today," said Mike, "Mickey will have done the likes of ye."

"Well, someone else, then?" suggested Joe.

"But how will you do it?"

"Well, we'll furnish the earth, if you will furnish the dirt," said Joe.

"Done," cried Mike.

The conspirators had plenty of time in which to mature their plans.

The ship's crew went ashore by quarter watches, and what with getting ready to go ashore and the getting over it, work on the ship dragged, hence a second raid was seemingly out of the question.

Chance, however, put it in the way of the jokers to carry out their plans.

ments of Purcell and at the same time kept his eye on the guide.

Bob, however, managed to cover Joe so that the two were enabled to empty the contents of the socks into the box. Over this Joe scattered some of the herbage growing about. Travelers are sparingly allowed to pluck little slips. I have a little memory of the socks from the same place still in my possession.

"Bears a hand, now," whispered Bob hoarsely to Yohnson; "take this and bear away."

Bob showed the contents to the grinning Teuton; then locking the box he handed it to Yohnson, who took it under his arm and marched pompously off.

"Go off, now," said Backsly; "get away as fast as you can. I will stop here and keep the guide from your wake."

The boys left the edifice, but had not gone more than a few rods when Joe stopped short and with mock consternation said:

"Great snakes! I have lost your key! It must have dropped on the porch. Now, what an idiot you are! They will discover it and you will get us all in chokoy. Go back and get it."

Joe began slowly to retrace his steps. He had gone but a short distance when Backsly came running out.

"Off with you all!" he exclaimed excitedly. The guide has seen the hollow box under his arm and is waiting for the police. Then he added in an undertone: "It's all right; the guide is a second cousin of mine; I put him up to the trick, and he will help you carry it out. When he comes out get Yohnson to cut for the depot. My cousin will not appear to notice his absence."

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TOMMY ATKINS.

From Raw Recruit to Veteran in the British Service.

By LILLIAN HERRICK.

It looked as if Yohnson was going to turn around and accept captivity.

As the handsman spoke the late guide came running out of the Campo followed by a companion, bareheaded and in dishabille.

"Quick, Yohn, cut your sinner; here come the pedlers. Steer for the depot; we will anchor here and stand them off," said Joe, shouting Yohnson round a convenient corner and pointing in the direction of the depot, about a quarter of a mile away.

Yohnson's pale-blue eyes stuck out of his head and he lifted the box up as if he would dash it to the earth in his fright.

"Tunder and blitzen!" he groaned; "I haf to do mit dot verdamten feller! I haf to do mit dot verdamten feller! I haf to do mit dot verdamten feller!"

"Relax that, you idiot," said Joe sternly; "the guide saw you with the box, and he will break it open and then you will be first into a military prison for the rest of your life, and only a quick dash for the depot, I tell you."

"Mein Gott! but by for you don't open do box and fling your verdamten trock do drasse out!"

"Why? Because, you lump of dough, we've lost the key. A broken box would give you away right off. Now get before it's too late."

The scared Teuton turned upon his heel and broke for the depot, with the unwelcome box under his arm. He was slow by nature, heavy of limb, very bow-legged and more used to climbing trees than to running, but nevertheless he made tolerably good time.

The rest of the party waited until the guide returned, and then they went on their way. The handsman and his companion were a short time in the hands of the guide, and then they were released. The handsman and his companion were a short time in the hands of the guide, and then they were released.

There was some mysterious whispering on the train, and when the party reached Lehigh, Bob suggested that they look for a key to the box.

"Oh, come along with me," said Rinaldo; "I'll take you to a friend of mine who will fit you a key in no time. He keeps a wire shop, and who knows, he may find your key will be anaking."

They strode along to one of the small side streets leading up from the quay. Rinaldo's friend was a rotund giant, with an enormous nose of iron, black hair, he had a big, roaring voice and a laugh that shook the building. He had a palm like a baker's shovel, and when you shook hands with him, you were sworn to secrecy as if it had been sworn by an almighty.

Rinaldo watched an opportunity and he joined to the branch that needs him.

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